



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Lincoln Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: The Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge in Lincoln, Nebraska, on June 18, 2009, sentenced Allison W. Bowden to 100 months imprisonment following her conviction for aiding and abetting bank robbery. In addition, she was ordered to serve 3 years of supervised release after her release from prison, charged a \$100 special assessment, and ordered to pay \$9,041.00 in restitution.

On October 3, 2008, the People's Choice Credit Union at 70th & Hwy 2 in Lincoln was robbed by Deborah Keahl. Keahl followed victims in when the bank opened that morning and obtained \$6,800 from the vault. Allison Bowden was waiting in a car, and picked up Keahl after she left the bank. The money bag that was taken in the robbery concealed a dye pack which exploded outside the bank and \$5,124 was dropped and located the next day. Later that morning, police responded to a noise complaint at Allison Bowden's residence and arrested Bowden on an outstanding warrant. Bowden consented to a search of the apartment and police found \$215 which was wet with red edges drying in a closet. An additional \$1,289 was found soaking in liquid in pots & pans inside a kitchen cupboard.

Name of Defendant: Allison W. Bowden

AKA:

Age: 49

City of Residence: Lincoln, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty: Bank Robbery and Aiding & Abetting - 20 years imprisonment; \$250,000 fine; 3 years term of supervised release, and \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Lincoln, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: \$6800

Others Charged in Same Scheme: None

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: 10/03/2008

Federal Arrest Date: 11/03/2008

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: 10/22/2008

Initial Appearance Date: 11/03/2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): 04/01/2009

Sentencing Date: 06/18/2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: David Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Released

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Richard Kopf

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